

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present Application. Claim(s) 1, 11, 21, 30, and 37 have been amended herein. Care has been exercised to introduce no new matter. Claims 1-30 and 37 are pending and are in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 4, 12, 14, 23, 35, and 36 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out allowable subject matter in claims 4-10, 14-20, 23-30 and 37 (but for them being in dependent form). Claims 4-10, 14-20, 23-30 and 37 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended to include the limitations of 2 and 4, 12 and 14, and claim 23 respectfully. Claim 37 has been rewritten to include all the limitations of previously presented claim 11. Amended claims 1, 11, 21, and 37 are believed to be in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-10 depends from independent claim 1, claims 15-20 depends from independent claim 11, claims 24-30 depends from independent claim 21. These claims were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 1, 11, and 21 as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance therefore claims 5-10, 15-20, and 24-30 no longer depend upon a rejected base claim and as such are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that these claims be allowed.

Objections

The Abstract was objected to for including phrases that can be implied. The Abstract has been corrected.

Claims 1-10 and 35-36 were objected to for an informality regarding the term "useable". The preamble of claims 1 has been amended to read, "...storage medium(media) having computer executable instructions embodied thereon..." in order to better conform with accepted, by the Office, computer readable storage medium type claim language.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-3, 11-13, 21-22 and 35-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Washington et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,870,088. As claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended to include the limitations of 2 and 4, 12 and 14, and claim 23 respectfully, Applicants requests withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons stated above, claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13,15-22, 24-30 and 37 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims. If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned – 816-474-6550 or jdickman@shb.com (such communication via email is herein expressly granted) – to resolve the same. It is believed that no fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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